

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as shown below:

Claim 1. (currently amended): A system for managing the distribution of licensed media assets ~~to a plurality of users, the system~~ comprising:

a portal comprising at least one server computer, ~~said at least one server computer~~ executing a media library database server application that manages access to a master library of licensed media assets by ~~associating~~ establishing a virtual private library ~~with~~ for each of ~~said a~~ plurality of users, each of said virtual private libraries ~~comprise~~ comprising licensed media assets of said master library that are licensed by one of said plurality of users and that can be accessed by a plurality of media player devices via one or more communication networks; and

a first media player device being operated by a first user and being operable to:

communicate with said portal to access said-licensed media assets in a virtual private library for ~~one of said plurality of~~ said first users;

receive a new licensed media asset independent from the portal and that is not currently included in the master library or the virtual private library for said first user; and

transfer the reference of the new licensed media asset to the portal for inclusion in the virtual private library for said first user; and

a second media player device being operated by said first user and being operable to:

communicate with said portal to access licensed media assets in said virtual private library for said first user, including said new licensed media asset, of which the license includes multiple device access to the media assets.

~~_____synchronize said licensed media assets between said first media player~~

device and said portal by:

~~_____ initiating synchronization with said portal;~~
~~_____ said portal forwarding licensed media asset deletions from said~~
~~virtual private library to said first media player device;~~
~~_____ said portal forwarding licensed media asset additions from said~~
~~virtual private library to said first media player device;~~
~~_____ said first media player device sending licensed media asset deletions~~
~~to said virtual private library; and~~
~~_____ said first media player device sending licensed media asset additions~~
~~to said virtual private library.~~

Claim 2. (previously presented): The system of claim 1, wherein said media library database server application of the portal manages usage rights of users to licensed media assets.

Claims 3-29. (canceled)

Claim 30 (new) A system for managing the distribution of licensed media assets, the system comprising:

a portal that includes:

a master library of media assets;

a user account;

a virtual private library that is associated with the user account and includes one or more media assets in the master library that are licensed for use by the user associated with the user account and references to one or more licensed media assets that are stored on a first media player device;

the first media player device including:

one or more media assets that are licensed for use by the user associated with the user account;

the system being operable to:

detect a user logging into the user account of the portal with a second media player device;

grant access to the second media player device to the media assets in the virtual private library, whereby the user can access licensed media assets on the portal and the first media player device.